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SUBJ: SOVIET CONDUCTOR REFUSED PERMISSION TO TRAVEL TO U.S.

1. A RELIABLE SOVIET SOURCE, CLOSE TO SOVIET CONDUCTOR GENNADY ROZHDESTVENSKY, INFORMED EMBOFF OF BACKGROUND TO SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S REFUSAL TO PERMIT THE CONDUCTOR TO VISIT THE U.S. ROZHDESTVENSKY HAD INTENDED TO BE ONE OF THE CONDUCTORS OF THE BOL'SHOI OPERA COMPANY ON ITS CURRENT TRIP TO THE U.S. HE PLANNED ALSO TO STAY FOR A FEW MONTHS IN THE U.S. TO APPEAR AS GUEST CONDUCTOR WITH A NUMBER OF MAJOR AMERICAN ORCHESTRAS. (PLANS FOR APPEARING WITH THE CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA WERE ALREADY FIRM.) ALTHOUGH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO ALLOW TRAVEL BY ROZHDESTVENSKY AND HIS WIFE, THE MUSICIAN POSTNIKOVA, THEY WITHDREW PERMISSION WHEN ROZHDESTVENSKY ASKED THAT HIS FIVE YEAR OLD SON ACCOMPANY HIS PARENTS. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, ROZHDESTVENSKY'S DESIRE TO TAKE HIS SON ALONG STEMMED NOT FROM ANY WISH TO REMAIN IN THE WEST, BUT BECAUSE THERE WAS NO ONE WITH WHOM TO LEAVE THE CHILD -- TO WHOM PARENTS ARE IN ANY CASE EXTREMELY CLOSE. ROZHDESTVENSKY REPORTEDLY POINTED OUT TO THE AUTHORITIES THAT HIS AGED MOTHER WOULD BE STAYING IN THE USSR, BUT THIS WAS APPARENTLY NOT CONSIDERED A SUFFICIENT GUARANTEE. ROZHDESTVENSKY REPORTEDLY HAS GIVEN UP ON GETTING PERMISSION TO GO TO U.S. AS BOL'SHOI CONDUCTOR BUT WOULD STILL LIKE TO MAKE SERIES OF APPEARANCES AND IS CONTINUING TO PRESS
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SOVIET AUTHORITIES FOR PERMISSION.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT
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